



Governor Schwarzenegger Kicks Off CHP Recruiting Campaign

Key Facts

- The Governor made funding available for new officers for the first time in nearly 40 years. He allocated \$65 million in the 2005-06 budget and \$33.7 million in the 2006-07 budget for the CHP.
- This funding allows the CHP to fill 270 vacant positions and hire 240 additional officers.
- With funding for 510 officer positions and 173 public safety dispatchers now available, the CHP is launching a statewide recruitment tour to encourage Californians to join. Cadets must pass a demanding 27-week training course and pass physical, psychological, medical and background screening before taking their oath.
- U.S. citizens between the ages of 20-35 who meet educational, health and security requirements are eligible to become CHP officers.
- The 240 new positions are strictly for patrol of the state's highways and unincorporated roadways. This represents the first time since 1969 that the CHP has received approval to hire new officers without also having a new program or responsibility added.
- The positions come at a critical time. Since 1969, uniform staffing for the CHP has increased only 25.6 percent while California's population has grown 79.24 percent, licensed drivers has increased 99.94 percent, motor vehicle registrations have mushroomed by 137.05 percent and the vehicle miles of travel has ballooned 192.80 percent.
- The Governor's FY 2006/07 budget also includes authority for 173 public safety dispatcher positions and \$6.3 million in first-year funding.

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- The CHP staffs 27 dispatch centers statewide and dispatchers handle nearly eight million cellular 9-1-1 calls from the public each year.
- The CHP graduated 49 new officers on Sept. 8, 2006. A current class of 74 cadets is scheduled to graduate December 1. A new class of 180 cadets begins Sept. 18 and is scheduled to graduate March 23, 2007.

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